Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of		No of NGOs	Amount sanctioned
Guwahati	1997-98	2	2.54
	1998-99	3	10.42
	1999-2000	3	13.44
Sonitpat	1997-98	1	1.00
Barpeta	1999-2000	1	0.50
Nagaon	1997-98	2	3.39
	1998-99	2	3.44
	1999-2000	2	5.53
Hailakandi	1999-2000	1	0.87
Jorhat	1998-99	1	0.69
	1999-2000	I	0.57
Lakhimpur	1999-2000	1	0.45
Kamrup	1999-2000	2	4.80
Dhubri	1998-99	1	1.32
	1999-2000	1	1.89

Begging menace in Delhi

120. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that menace of begging has increased manifold in the National Capital of Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that beggars are often seen begging at important crossings in Delhi; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to stop begging from the streets of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) According to the information received from Government of NCT of Delhi, a number of beggars are active in Delhi.

(c) The Central Government does not have any scheme for Beggary

Prevention. However, in Delhi, the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act, 1959 is in force under which beggars are arrested by the Anti-Begging Squad of Government of Delhi with the help of Delhi Police. Thereafter, these beggars are produced before the competent court, who convict them to Custodial Homes run by the Government of NCT of Delhi in case of conviction. In Delhi, 12 Beggar Homes and one Rehabilitation Centre for Lepers is being run by the Government of NCT of Delhi. In these Homes, beggars are kept and also as a measure of rehabilitation, they are given vocational training in training centres of these Homes for the following:

Candle Making.

1. Cutting and Tailoring.

Auto Repair.

Detergent and Soap Making.

TV and Radio Repairs.

Book Binding.

Cycle Repairs.

Proposal to set up a National Institute of Multiple Disabilities

121. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to set up a National Institute of Multiple Disabilities for providing comprehensive rehabilitation services under one roof to people with multiple disabilities;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this institute is to be located in Chennai;

(c) if so, by when this scheme would materialize; and

(d) whether such a facility would be established in other States also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) There is a proposal to set up a National Institute for Multiple Disabilities in Chennai during 9th Five Year Plan.